



NEWS RELEASE

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FLAG CEREMONY MARKS TUCSON'S 240TH BIRTHDAY

The flags that have flown over Tucson over the last 240 years, including the flags of the Tohono O'odham Nation and the Pascua Yaqui Tribe, will be presented in a ceremony to celebrate Tucson's 240th birthday. The Presidio San Agustín del Tucson location is the interpretive center on the site of Tucson's original adobe-walled presidio. The flags used in this event serve as historical symbols and as an acknowledgment of all of the sovereignties that have claimed this many-storied region as their own, from Tucson's very origins to Arizona Statehood in the United States of America. The Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission has sponsored this annual event since the 1970s. Partners in this year's event include the City of Tucson (including the Parks and Recreation Department and the City Clerk's Office), Pima County, the Tucson Presidio Trust for Historic Preservation, Los Descendientes del Presidio de Tucson, and the El Presidio Neighborhood Association. La Cocina Restaurant, just down the street from the presidio, is offering a special discount for those who attend the event.

Date: Thursday, August 20, 2015

Time: *All times are approximate.*

5:45 p.m. – Music by the youth mariachi group Los Changuitos Feos de Tucson

**6:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. – Ceremony, including presentation of flags, proclamations,
and reading of the Hugo O'Connor letter**

7:15 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Serving birthday cake

Place: Presidio San Agustín del Tucson Courtyard
(SW corner of Church Avenue and Washington Street)

For information, call Ana Juarez, City Clerk's Office, at (520) 791-4213. For questions on ADA accommodations and accessibility for this event, call Ana Juarez or Alma Murrieta, City Clerk's Office, at (520) 791-4213.

Additional information: Parking is available at various locations; fees may apply. For additional parking information, go online to <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/park-tucson>.

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